

May 2, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Richard L. Cates to be an agriculture representative on the Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and to serve a term expiring May 1, 2009.

Mr. Cates will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Doyle Governor

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GOVERNOR STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Richard L. Cates

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RESIDES IN:

Spring Green, WI

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OCCUPATION:

Farmer; University Teacher

APPOINTED TO:

Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer

Protection: Agriculture Representative

TERM:

A term to expire May 1, 2009

SUCCEEDS:

Charles Knigge (currently vacant)

SENATE CONFIRMATION:

Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

May 1, 2003

DATE OF NOMINATION:

May 1, 2003

Work Experience/Employment

Present:

Coordinator (began September 1995; 50% appointment), Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy Farmers, within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Responsible for start-up, development, and coordination of this new educational effort. The school, first of its kind in the United States, has its primary mission the preparation of serious individuals who want to begin their own grass-based dairy farm business. Students participate in Univ. of Wisconsin Farm and Industry Short Course curriculum, a special 16-week Grass-based Dairy Seminar (offered in the classroom and by internet distance education hookup), and a 12-to 16-week internship on grass-based dairy farms.

Owner/operator Cates Family Farm Rocking C Cattle, Spring Green, WI. My wife, Kim, and I operate this managed grazing 800-head commercial beef stocker steer, dairy heifer, and direct-market natural beef business. In 2001 we are managing 950 acres of owned and leased pasture and wooded land. We host numerous production- and conservation- oriented field tours, speak locally and nationally about our farm operation, and have been the subject of numerous farm/beef industry articles with state-wide or nation-wide circulation. We have/are study-site cooperators in University of Wisconsin research looking at the impacts of intensive rotational grazing on stream ecology and water quality (recently completed), biological control of Canada thistle, Kura clover establishment, Univ. of Missouri research looking at effect of temperature and humidity on pasture-based beef finishing systems, and Aldo Leopold Foundation research looking at the establishment of warm-season native prairie grasses into cool-season pastures with livestock grazing management and without the use of chemical herbicides.

<u> 1987-1995:</u>

Agriculturist and/or Director, Sustainable Agriculture Program, Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Madison, WI. Responsible for development, evaluation and oversight of more than 175 farm research/demonstration projects funded to minimize environmental impact of agricultural activities, reduce off-farm energy inputs, and maintain or improve farm profitability.

Also, responsible for speaking, teaching and communicating to the Wisconsin agricultural community and the general public the goals of the Wisconsin Sustainable Agriculture Program, principles of managed-grazing livestock systems, and principles of sustainable agriculture in general.

1983-1986:

Director of crops/soils research, development/management support laboratory, and year-around cropping program (grains and forages) on the world's largest dairy farm, Saudi Arabian Agriculture and Dairy Co., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Responsible for 45-man management/labor force and \$2 million annual budget to operate 5000- acre center-pivot irrigated cropping program to feed 10,000 plus Holstein milking-cow herd.



STATE OF WISCONSIN **ETHICS BOARD**

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Senate Committee Members:

The attached Statement of Economic Interests is provided with respect to the individual's nomination to a State Public Office by Governor Jim Doyle.

Sincerely, STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee:

Richard L. Cates

Date:

May 27, 2003

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